



General Assembly

January Session, 2003

**Committee Bill No. 5858**

LCO No. 4085

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF TOURISM DISTRICTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Tourism  
2       Council, established pursuant to section 32-301 of the general statutes,  
3       shall develop a plan, in consultation with the executive directors of  
4       each of the eleven tourism districts, established pursuant to subsection  
5       (a) of section 32-302 of the general statutes, to consolidate the eleven  
6       tourism districts into five districts.
- 7       (b) In developing the plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,  
8       the Connecticut Tourism Council shall consider: (1) The economic  
9       effect of consolidation on the communities in each new district created  
10      as a result of consolidation; (2) the ability of each new district to  
11      effectively market tourism within the district and in the state; and (3)  
12      any other matter it deems relevant. The plan shall include a transition  
13      strategy for completing the consolidation of tourism districts by July 1,  
14      2004.
- 15      (c) Not later than January 1, 2004, the Connecticut Tourism Council  
16      shall report in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes to

17 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
18 cognizance of matters relating to commerce its plan for consolidation  
19 of tourism districts, including proposals for legislative and regulatory  
20 changes necessary to effect such plan.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To consolidate the eleven state tourism districts into five.

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